

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/014085

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1, 5-13 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* 2-4/1 \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on 08.07.2005
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.\* 1, 4-6 \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on 08.07.2005
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets fig. 1-5 (b) \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims, nos. 2, 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1, 4-6</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1, 4-6</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1, 4-6</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
Document 1: JP 61-68036 A (Advanced Technology Laboratories, Inc.), 08 April 1986 & EP 177782 A1 & US 4646736 A			
Document 2: JP 2000-126303 A (Asahi Intecc Co., Ltd.), 09 May 2000 (Family: none)			
Document 3: JP 7-124247 A (Kabushiki Kaisha Vayu), 16 May 1995 (Family: none)			
Document 4: JP 2003-521279 A (Samuel SHIBER), 15 July 2003 & WO 00/45716 A1 & US 6143009 A			
Document 5: JP 6-15777 U (Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.), 01 March 1994 (Family: none)			
Claims 1 and 4 to 6			
The inventions that are set forth in claims 1 and 4 to 6 are not disclosed in any of documents 1 to 5, which are cited in the international search report, and would not have been obvious to a person skilled in the art.			